

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An information medium comprising an undercoat layer and a colorant receiving layer in this order on a substrate, wherein at least a part of the periphery of the undercoat layer is coated with the colorant receiving layer.
2. (original): An information medium according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the outer periphery of the undercoat layer is coated with the colorant receiving layer.
3. (original): An information medium according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the inner periphery of the undercoat layer is coated with the colorant receiving layer.
4. (original): An information medium according to claim 1, wherein the entire periphery of the undercoat layer is coated with the colorant receiving layer.
5. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 1, wherein the colorant receiving layer comprises fine particles, wherein said fine particles are gas phase process silica particles having an average primary particle diameter of 30 nm or less.

6. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 2, wherein the colorant receiving layer comprises fine particles, wherein said fine particles are gas phase process silica particles having an average primary particle diameter of 30 nm or less.

7. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 3, wherein the colorant receiving layer comprises fine particles, wherein said fine particles are gas phase process silica particles having an average primary particle diameter of 30 nm or less.

8. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 4, wherein the colorant receiving layer comprises fine particles, wherein said fine particles are gas phase process silica particles having an average primary particle diameter of 30 nm or less.

9. (original): An information medium according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of an image formed on the colorant receiving layer is formed on the colorant receiving layer not having the undercoat layer formed thereunder.

10. (original): An information medium according to claim 2, wherein at least a part of an image formed on the colorant receiving layer is formed on the colorant receiving layer not having the undercoat layer formed thereunder.

11. (original): An information medium according to claim 3, wherein at least a part of an image formed on the colorant receiving layer is formed on the colorant receiving layer not having the undercoat layer formed thereunder.

12. (original): An information medium according to claim 4, wherein at least a part of an image formed on the colorant receiving layer is formed on the colorant receiving layer not having the undercoat layer formed thereunder.

13. (original): An information medium according to claim 1, wherein the maximum distance between the undercoat layer and a periphery of the colorant receiving layer is at least 0.1 mm.

14. (original): An information medium according to claim 2, wherein the maximum distance between the undercoat layer and a periphery of the colorant receiving layer is at least 0.1 mm.

15. (original): An information medium according to claim 3, wherein the maximum distance between the undercoat layer and a periphery of the colorant receiving layer is at least 0.1 mm.

16. (original): An information medium according to claim 4, wherein the maximum distance between the undercoat layer and a periphery of the colorant receiving layer is at least 0.1 mm.

17. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 1, wherein a recording layer or a protective layer is formed between the undercoat layer and the substrate~~colorant receiving layer and the undercoat layer~~.

18. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 2, wherein a recording layer or a protective layer is formed between the undercoat layer and the substrate~~colorant receiving layer and the undercoat layer~~.

19. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 3, wherein a recording layer or a protective layer is formed between the undercoat layer and the substrate~~colorant receiving layer and the undercoat layer~~.

20. (currently amended): An information medium according to claim 4, wherein a recording layer or a protective layer is formed between the undercoat layer and the substrate~~colorant receiving layer and the undercoat layer~~.

21. (new): A method of producing an information medium, the method comprising:
forming an undercoat layer on a substrate; and
forming a colorant receiving layer on the undercoat layer such that at least part of the periphery of the undercoat layer is coated with the colorant receiving layer.

22. (new): The method according to claim 21, further comprising forming a recording layer between the undercoat layer and the substrate.